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FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

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INFO AMEMBAS Y LILONGWE

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: CASC, BR, MZ

SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN MISSIONARIES RELEASED

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT THREE BRAZILIAN MISSIONARIES  
DETAINED SAME CELL AS THREE AMCIT MISSIONARIES HAVE BEEN  
RELEASED. REPORT WAS CONFIRMED BY BRAZILAIN EMBASSY.  
TWO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MISSIONARIES WERE RELEASED AND LEFT  
MAPUTO APRIL 23; THIRD MISSIONARY CLEASCIUS ARAUJO WHO WORKED  
WITH DETAINED AMCIT DONALD MILAM WILL BE RELEASED AS SOON AS  
BRAZILAIN EMBASSY CAN ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION.

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2. UNFORTUNATELY, EMBASSY WILL NOT BE ABLE CONVERSE WITH ARAUJO,

AS MISSIONARIES ARE KEPT UNDER POLICE GUARD UNTIL MOMENT THEY BOARD PLANE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS THIS INFO TO WIVES OF DETAINED AMCITS. NEWS OF RELEASE OF ARAUJO WILL BE ESPECIALLY WELCOMED BY MRS. DONALD MILAM.

4. AMBASSADOR ON APRIL 25 RECEIVED NOTE FROM THE THREE U.S. MISSIONARIES SMUGGLED OUT OF JAIL BY FRIEND. NOTE SAYS IN PART QUOTE RECENTLY A COMMISSION OF THE PORTUGUESE DETAINEES HAD AN AUDIENCE WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE PRISON TO KNOW IF THEY WOULD PAY FOR AND ARRANGE THEIR OWN TICKETS TO PORTUGAL IF THEY COULD BE RELEASED. THE DIRECTOR TALKED WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE POLICE OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND THEY AGREED TO THE PROPOSAL IF EACH PORTUGUESE DETAINEE WOULD WRITE AN OFFICIAL LETTER IN THIS REGARD TO BE DELIVERED TO THE POLICE OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION. IT IS FELT THAT THIS WOULD ALSO BE IN ORDER FOR ALL FOREIGNERS. END QUOTE THE THREE U.S. MISSIONARIES ASKED IF AMBASSADOR PERCEIVED ANY OBJECTION TO MISSIONARIES MAKING SAME APPEAL. AMBASSADOR TOLD MISSIONARIES' FRIEND WHO CONVEYED THEIR NOTE THAT HE PERCEIVED NO OBJECTION; FRIEND SAID SHE WOULD PASS THIS ON TO MISSIONARIES.

5. COMMENT: RELEASE OF BRAZILAINS IS FIRST POSITIVE INDICATION THAT GPRM MAY AT LONG LAST BE MOVING ON THESE CASES. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THEIR RELEASE WAS RESULT OF INITIATIVES DISCUSSED IN MISSIONARIES LETTER.

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